Fire Information Public Phone Line: 480-608-2054
Fire Information Media Phone Line: 949-591-4136
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InciWeb: https://inciweb.nwcc.gov/incident/7512/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Telegraphfireinformation/
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Video of operations update: https://fb.watch/6f9GCUHtoE/

Telegraph Fire Evening Update – June 21, 2021

Acres: 180,685
Percent Containment: 67%
Date/Time Detected: Friday, June 4, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Structures burned: 52
Number of Personnel: 692
Cause: Human, under investigation
Origin/Location: South of Superior, Arizona

Evacuation status for El Capitan East and West and Six Shooter and Icehouse Canyons changed today from “SET” to “READY”. Favorable weather conditions resulted in minimal fire growth today. Many of our resources were focused on the southeast corner of the fire on Mescal Mountain where the fire remains active. Helicopters were used to check the fire as it spread southeast into lighter grass and sparse brush. Smoke may be visible as fire continues to back down upper Kellner and Icehouse Canyons and as pockets of unburned vegetation are consumed within the fire perimeter. Firefighters continue to patrol the Ray and Troy Mine areas, as well as communities along Dripping Springs Road and State Route 177 and mop up any hot spots that may flare up.

At this stage of the fire, you may hear our team talking about “mopping up” the burned area, but what does this mean? “Mop up” refers to actions taken to extinguish or remove pockets of burning material within the fire perimeter, near control lines or values at risk, to make sure the fire does not spread outside of the contained perimeter or impact values. This can include things like breaking apart smoldering debris, felling standing dead trees that are holding heat, or using fire engines to extinguish small flare ups. Mop up is not necessary in many of the grassy fuel types in the Telegraph Fire that burn out quickly, but firefighters are utilizing these techniques when flare ups occur near values at risk.


Fire Restrictions and Closures: https://wildlandfire.az.gov/fire-restrictions
Tonto National Forest-Stage 2 Fire Restrictions, Telegraph Closure Order and Map: https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notices
Arizona State Lands-Stage 2 Restrictions https://dffm.az.gov/fire-restrictions
The San Carlos Indian Reservation-Stage 3 fire restrictions https://www.facebook.com/SCATFORESTRY

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